

CITY OF LOS ANGELES California

ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD

Steve S. Patel – President
Don Dwiggin— 1st Vice President, Membership
Peter J. McCarty – 2nd Vice President, Outreach
Barry M. Greenberg – Secretary
Kelly M. Lord – Treasurer



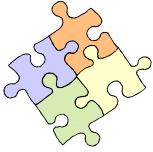
ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Yeprem Davoodian Alice N. McCain
Jay Draiman Lucille Meehan
Nestor Fantini Steven Ramirez

Stephen Hubbard

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Brittany McCarthy – CSUN Faculty/Staff
Conor P. Lansdale – CSUN Student
Michael McNulty – Youth



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

Making Northridge a Better Place to Live, Work, Play and Learn

Minutes of the **NORTHRIDGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (NENC) GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

at Northridge Academy High School, 9601 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91342

1. Call to Order

President Steve Patel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Board Members present: Steve Patel, Don Dwiggin, Barry Greenberg, Jay Draiman, Nestor Fantini, Stephen Hubbard, Lucille Meehan, Steven Ramirez and Michael McNulty. Kelly Lord and Peter McCarty arrived later.

Nine of the 15 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The NENC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is eight, so the Board could take such votes. No Board seats were vacant at this time. Also attending: 19 Stakeholders and Guests. Board Members absent: Yeprem Davoodian (unexcused), Conor Lansdale (unexcused), Alice McCain (unexcused) and Brittney McCarthy (excused).

4. Agenda Setting Meeting Participation

Steve Patel, Don Dwiggin, Barry Greenberg, Kelly Lord, Nestor Fantini and Stephen Hubbard attended.

Mr. Lord arrived at this time.

MOTION (by Mr. Patel and seconded): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 17, 2010 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greenberg related that he did not receive any corrections.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

5. Comments from Public Officials

a. Council District 12

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6.] Semee Park, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Greig Smith (818-756-8501; Semee.Park@LACity.org), announced that parking meters installations may be expanded in case CSUN wants to have them in the future. She “reassures . . . that no meters are going in until there is community input . . . It’s CSUN that they’re talking about, not the whole District.” Stakeholder Lisa Anderson, CSUN Financial Coordinator (818-677-2249; Lisa.Anderson@csun.edu), requested “consideration for handicapped parking.” Mr. McCarty was concerned regarding oversight of the issue. There was extensive discussion in which Board Members and Stakeholders wanted and Ms. Park again assured as above. Mr Patel asked Ms. Park to get back to the council regarding the parking meter plans. Stakeholder Glenn Bailey encouraged that Councilman Smith introduce a Motion to specify “streets adjacent to CSUN.”

Ms. Park also announced that Jewish Women International (www.JWI.org) will be honoring non-profit organizations and that the City told the Lake Balboa NC that they couldn’t store emergency materials because they’re an advisory group.

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

No representative was present and there was no report.

c. CSUN

No other CSUN representative was present. Mr. Patel reported that **[SP CONFIRM:]**__.

6. Public Comments

Dinesh Lakhanpal, L.A. City Council District 12 Candidate (818-312-8920; Dinesh2011@live.com), introduced himself and described his qualifications and plans. Mr. Patel reminded about the CD12 Candidate Forum on January 31, 2011.

Ms. Anderson announced that CSUN will be closed from December 24th through January 2nd, reopening Monday, January 3, 2011. It will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Monday, January 17th. Classes will begin Thursday, January 20th. Campus radio station KCSN has Sunday night music concert fundraisers in Reseda.

Richard Fisk of the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee announced that State Senator George Runner is seeking candidates on the San Fernando Valley **[SP/KL CONFIRM:]**__ Board and that Assemblyman Smyth’s Deputy Chris Ward has requested legislation ideas.

Bob Erio, Chief Operating Officer, Community Integration Services (CIS) Senior Activities Center (10100 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills; 818-772-1155;

www.cisadp.org), distributed brochures and introductory letters and described CIS. They're seeking funding; City funding is being cut. He also distributed a draft "Letter of Support" that can be used for them. They're working to maintain services for seniors and developmentally disabled adults.

Mr. Bailey was concerned regarding a City Council Motion that would expand parking meter zones, especially in this area. He encouraged Agendizing this.

7. **New Vision Committee Update**

Mr. Patel described New Vision and encouraged feedback about what Stakeholders want Northridge to look like in five, 10, 20 years. The new Committee Chair is Mr. Draiman. Starting in January all Board Members will outreach regarding New Vision. A final report is due around June 2011.

8. **Old Business**

a. Presentation, Chief Gerry Malais, LAFD: Officers Assoc. budget & finance.

Mr. Lord reported that Mr. Malais was unable to attend. He encouraged and Mr. Patel agreed to **TABLE** this until the January 19, 2011 General Board Meeting.

b. Jewish Women International - honoring non-profits - \$100 [Mandatory Action]

MOTION (by Mr. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Lord): **[PM/KL CONFIRM MOTION WORDING: __]** The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$100 to Jewish Women International to help honor Northridge-area non-profit organizations.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Park described the event.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

c. Devonshire PALS - Toy Drive

Mr. Ramirez noted that the next day was the last day and that donations could be made to the LAPD Devonshire Station.

8. **Old Business** [a second Agenda Item #8; really Item #9]

a. CD 12 Candidate Forum - Jan. 31, 2011

Mr. Patel described the event and encouraged feedback now. He "will compile . . . the top 10 issues . . . [and] will give them in writing to all the Candidates . . . This will not be a debate." Mr. McCarty suggested posting a video of the Forum on the www.NENC-LA.org website and notifying the Daily News. Mr. Lord encouraged other NCs and organizations to support the event, which will be held at **[KL/SP CONFIRM: __]** the furniture store at 10100 Balboa Blvd. next to the Fire Station. Mr. Patel noted that other Neighborhood Councils are being asked to contribute \$100 for the event. There'll be a Meet and Greet from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the Forum from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- b. Motion re: NC member of each City Commission [Mr. Draiman]
Mr. Draiman described the effort to have a Neighborhood Council Board Member included on each City Commission. Mr. Patel encouraged getting other NCs to support this. Ms. Park encouraged more participation at Commission Hearings by NC Board Members. Mr. Bailey said it could be Agendized for the VANC [Valley Alliance of NCs] January 9, 2011 Meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. Draiman, seconded by Mr. McCarty): The Northridge East Neighborhood Council supports Neighborhood Council Board Members being appointed to City Commissions and Committees.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- c. Motion re: Funding \$2K - Darby Elementary - [Mr. Fantini]
Mr. Fantini described the Motion.

MOTION (by Mr. Fantini and seconded): **[NF/SP CONFIRM MOTION WORDING: __]** The Northridge East Neighborhood Council allocates \$2,000 to Darby Elementary School to help fund their physical education program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. McCarty encouraged having publicity regarding the NENC's support and Mr. Fantini agreed to write a press release. Stakeholder Virginia Ghoniem described how the program is increasing students' fitness.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

9. Committee Reports

Treasurer/Budget

Mr. Lord said that there was no report.

Environmental

Mr. McCarty reported that NCs are invited to participate in San Fernando Valley Green Team community gardens, conservation and other efforts. Discussions have been started with the DWP regarding evaluating water conservation, energy efficiency and more. He described that this area is a "prime microclimate . . . for solar energy."

Land Use

Mr. Dwiggins said that there was "no land use activity." He attended a Meeting regarding City zoning code improvement. Fraternity house issues will be discussed. Mr. Patel asked and Mr. Dwiggins agreed to get more information regarding **[DW/SP CONFIRM: __]** __. A Conditional Use Permit Application on Lindley Ave. is pending. Mr. Lord noted that the land use next to the fraternity house will be changed because the City is "looking at commercializing that site."

Education

[SP CONFIRM:] M_. ___ reported that ___

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

[SP CONFIRM:] M_. ___ reported that ___

10. Adjournment

Mr. Patel encouraged feedback about Stakeholder concerns. Mr. McCarty encouraged visiting the www.NorthridgeVision.org website. Mr. Fisk encouraged the NENC discussing having less land use and zoning densification.

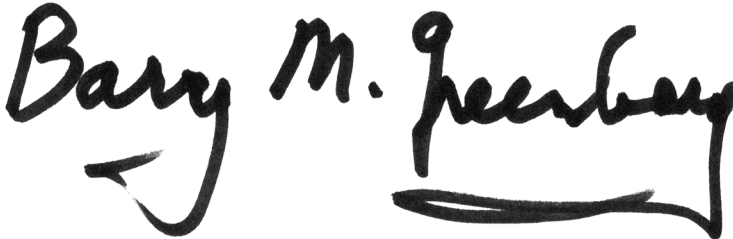
[The next General Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Northridge Academy High School, 9601 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91342.]

Mr. Patel declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:15 p.m.

Certified True and Correct

February 16, 2011

Barry M. Greenberg, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry M. Greenberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.